

Colorado Safe Schools Month

October 2014

*Working Together for
Safe Schools and Successful Students*

Earlier this year, Governor Hickenlooper signed a Proclamation declaring October 2014 as Safe Schools Month in the State of Colorado, which followed on the heels of the Senate Joint Resolution 14-031 that established Colorado Safe Schools Month. This observance is also actively supported by local, state, and national public officials and professional organizations around the country, that all recognize a Safe Schools Week during October. This month provides a unique opportunity for you and your school, agency or organization to focus on the important school safety issues that directly affect your school community.

We encourage all schools, law enforcement agencies, and other agency and community partners to participate in this annual observance to ensure that all of our state's schools are safe, secure, positive, and supportive for all students.

The goal in this campaign is to allow schools and communities an opportunity to highlight their own efforts to support safe and positive schools that support student achievement and to advocate for school safety. School safety includes keeping all schools and campuses free of crime and violence, establishing positive school climates, providing access to early intervention services for youth, and increasing student engagement and attendance. Schools that are safe and free of violence, weapons, bullying and harassment, drug and alcohol use, and threats of violence or suicide are necessary to ensure the well-being of all children and support student achievement.

Key messages:

1. Use this month to highlight school safety awareness in schools, districts and communities. School and others are encouraged to highlight their own efforts and accomplishments for school safety.
2. Quality education and successful students require safe and secure, positive, and supportive schools.
3. School safety is a community concern, requiring community effort. Participation from community partners and agencies should be encouraged and highlighted.

Thank you for all you do to support safe and positive schools in Colorado!

For questions, consultation, training, resources or technical assistance, please contact us.



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